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CHAIRMAN

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SPENCER ABRAHAM
Secretary of the Department of Energy

FROM: JAMES CONNAUGHTON *jc*
Chair

SUBJECT: THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR A GEOLOGIC
REPOSITORY FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL AND
HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE AT YUCCA MOUNTAIN, NYE
COUNTY, NEVADA

CEQ has reviewed the January 4, 2002 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Yucca Mountain.

As noted in our preliminary review, your Department has met the procedural requirements set out in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as modified by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, for conducting an informed and open analysis of the potential decisions necessary to construct, operate and close the Yucca Mountain repository. We again note and commend your commitment to examine specific transportation decisions in the future.